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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

Effective with the statistics for January 1963, the information shown for exports to Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments. The information shown for exports to countries other than Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50 percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and North America of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]25,729	.....	6,967	4,611	7,293	1,285	264	279	[2]144,806	.....	19,433	12,128	57,572	9,600	2,999	1,721
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]9,921	3,266	914	2,618	669	73	86	.....	[2]52,812	7,717	3,195	20,426	5,344	1,630	433
Massachusetts.....	354	176	80	-	228	11	(*)	3	2,806	1,121	361	-	2,201	173	5	27
Rochester.....	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	31	31	30	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	65	65	56	-	-	-	-	-	284	284	268	-	-	-	-	-
New York.....	9,752	3,638	1,241	465	6,047	704	63	232	65,083	23,902	6,073	2,798	48,076	4,414	637	1,516
Philadelphia.....	59	26	-	-	51	4	(*)	1	152	34	-	-	120	18	2	5
Maryland.....	26	19	-	-	11	2	-	1	166	111	-	-	132	25	-	2
Virginia.....	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
Florida.....	7,777	2,452	3,116	4,031	5	1	-	(*)	14,050	4,181	4,808	8,644	25	20	-	1
New Orleans.....	362	70	300	21	3	1	-	-	814	197	662	84	8	3	-	-
Galveston.....	331	223	180	9	69	17	(*)	12	1,669	916	667	26	666	193	3	64
Laredo.....	234	186	206	(*)	5	-	-	-	600	489	543	2	31	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	513	244	81	68	167	105	29	3	4,300	1,675	416	484	1,972	1,161	153	19
San Francisco.....	632	237	7	12	71	334	128	1	5,394	2,006	35	62	1,152	3,185	807	13
Washington.....	265	220	188	-	11	11	1	(*)	887	547	714	-	59	33	2	2
Alaska.....	9	8	-	-	(*)	8	-	-	13	11	-	-	2	9	-	-
Hawaii.....	161	38	86	-	(*)	31	10	(*)	294	228	11	-	33	41	200	(*)
Montana and Idaho.....	26	26	23	-	-	-	-	-	190	190	183	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota.....	143	143	116	-	-	-	(*)	-	315	315	271	-	-	-	(*)	-
Minnesota.....	36	34	2	-	2	(*)	32	-	1,201	1,196	13	-	4	1	1,182	-
Michigan.....	238	160	41	-	149	(*)	(*)	5	549	318	35	-	485	5	(*)	8
Chicago.....	1,452	359	703	1	459	46	1	20	6,339	1,655	3,242	8	2,417	299	9	65
Ohio.....	302	34	212	1	(*)	-	-	-	855	15	754	4	1	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	361	222	288	4	3	(*)	-	-	287	177	229	11	22	1	-	-
All other Customs Districts.....	69	61	40	(*)	9	10	-	-	324	309	117	6	164	21	-	-
Special Category[3].....	2,555	1,273	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,201	12,900	-	-	-	-	-	-

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	10,025	.....	2,800	1,080	5,289	795	12	49	76,899	.....	8,069	2,721	55,195	7,745	230	628
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	4,489	1,453	258	2,215	543	2	18	.....	30,841	3,469	1,048	20,319	5,557	57	391
Massachusetts.....	381	195	211	-	169	1	-	(*)	2,519	2,035	720	-	1,747	(*)	-	(*)
Rochester.....	17	17	16	-	(*)	-	-	-	64	50	43	-	7	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	10	10	10	-	(*)	-	-	(*)	226	180	181	-	8	-	-	25
New York.....	5,131	2,066	184	127	4,544	230	3	42	55,200	19,051	2,729	1,354	47,212	2,122	107	590
Philadelphia.....	7	6	1	-	5	1	-	-	731	678	14	-	663	15	-	-
Maryland.....	27	14	-	-	26	(*)	(*)	-	248	55	-	-	220	2	2	-
Virginia.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	-	-	-	-	-	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Florida.....	2,190	654	1,319	853	4	14	(*)	-	2,372	1,136	1,016	1,062	158	33	(*)	-
New Orleans.....	365	282	364	(*)	1	(*)	-	-	174	137	86	1	68	4	-	-
Galveston.....	53	34	47	1	5	-	-	-	201	57	117	6	28	-	-	-
Laredo.....	102	97	102	-	-	-	-	-	77	37	48	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	420	213	29	11	141	237	1	(*)	4,961	1,776	608	265	2,174	1,624	34	(*)
San Francisco.....	209	167	1	(*)	49	147	5	6	2,464	1,841	2	4	599	1,646	73	11
Washington.....	71	68	14	-	1	56	-	(*)	1,849	1,763	229	-	20	1,545	-	(*)
Alaska.....	4	3	(*)	-	(*)	3	-	-	139	124	1	-	2	123	-	-
Hawaii.....	30	14	1	-	2	26	1	-	253	121	1	-	5	188	14	-
Montana and Idaho.....	4	4	4	-	(*)	-	-	-	39	39	38	-	1	-	-	-
Dakota.....	3	3	3	-	(*)	-	-	-	24	18	20	-	1	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	-	-	-	-	-	21	10	10	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan.....	151	127	3	-	148	(*)	-	(*)	262	178	13	-	219	(*)	-	2
Chicago.....	263	133	60	-	160	43	-	(*)	3,945	1,251	1,869	-	1,613	316	-	(*)
Ohio.....	21	(*)	14	-	7	-	-	-	287	4	156	-	92	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	513	339	411	88	12	2	-	-	261	156	145	28	46	7	-	-
All other Customs Districts.....	51	43	4	(*)	13	34	-	-	572	143	23	1	314	119	-	-

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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